(Rs. in crores)

Year	Central Assistance	Amount spent	Balance amount
2004-05	1743.39	1773.08	+ 29.69
2005-06	1465.38	1474.75	+ 9.37
2006-07	140928	1480.51	+7123

(d) Does not arise.

Grant-in-aid for Gur-Ta-Gaddi

1308. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief Minister of Maharashtra has requested for grant-in-aid of Rs. 125 crore for tercentenary anniversary of Gur-Ta-Gaddi at Nanded City;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken on the request of the Chief Minister of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Government of India has provided an Additional Central Assistance (ACA) of Rs. 125 crore in Annual Plan 2006-07 to Government of Maharashtra for the tercentenary anniversary of Gur-Ta-Gaddi at Nanded. In accordance with the uniform pattern of funding applicable to all non-Special Category States, 30% of this amount is given as a grant and 70% is to be raised directly by the Government of Maharashtra as a loan. Chief Minister, Maharashtra had requested that the entire assistance of Rs. 125 crore be provided in the form of 100% grant. Government of Maharashtra has been informed that it would not be possible to make an exception in the funding pattern in one particular case.

SC/ST Population below poverty line

1309. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as against the national average of 27 per cent, 36 per cent of SC population and 45 per cent of ST population are below the poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to frame a law to make it mandatory for the Central Government and the State Governments to spend money for the uplift of the SC and the ST population in proportion to their population, *i.e.* 23 per cent of their respective funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when a law for the purpose would be framed?